

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of Claims in the Application.

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (original). A device for extending the load carrying ability of a cargo transport beyond the end of a cargo bed comprising a first attached member in the cargo bed aligned from front to back in the bed, a second attached member lying parallel to the first attached member in the cargo bed, a first movable member inside the first attached member and able to telescope from the first attached member beyond the end of the cargo bed, a second movable member inside the second attached member and able to telescope from the second attached member beyond the end of the cargo bed, and a cross member attached at one end to the remote end of the first movable member and attached at the other end to the remote end of the second movable member.

Claim 2 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a first safety latch between the first attached member and the first movable member and a second safety latch between the second attached member and the second movable member.

Claim 3 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, wherein each attached member is attached at the front end near the front of the cargo bed.

Claim 4 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 2, further comprising a lifting block under the rear end of each attached member.

Claim 5 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a lifting block under the rear end of each attached member and a pin in each lifting block that cooperates with a hole in the bottom of the corresponding movable member to provide a safety latch.

Claim 6 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 5, further comprising a compression and locking arm positionable on top of the movable member in the vicinity of the pin in the lifting block.

Claim 7 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the safety latch locking arm has a first leg pivotably mounted along the side of the attached member, a spring mounted on the leg, a washer and a nut beyond the spring to hold the spring on the leg of the locking arm, and a second leg, the end of which fits in a hole in a mount on the side of the attached member.

Claim 8 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the movable members have holes along a longitudinal line and the safety latch on each side comprises an arm carrying a pin that is biased toward the movable member and fits in a hole in the movable member.

Claim 9 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first and second attached members consist of schedule 10 steel pipe.

Claim 10 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the attached members have a length between 5 feet and 8 feet.

Claim 11 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the first and second movable members consist of schedule 40 steel pipe.

Claim 12 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the first and second movable members have a length between 5 feet and 8 feet.

Claim 13 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the cross member consists of schedule 40 steel pipe.

Claim 14 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a heavy load support consisting of two telescoping arms attached at a common end to a coupler that fits in a trailer hitch receiver at the rear of the cargo transport.

Claim 15 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the heavy load support has two telescoping arms with two schedule 10 steel pipes adjacent the common end and the trailer hitch receiver and two schedule 40 steel pipes that telescope inside the schedule 10 steel pipes and extend to the cross member to support the rear end of the extending device when extended beyond the rear end of the cargo bed.

Claim 16 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a safety latch comprising a spring loaded pin attached to the attached member and extending over a hole in the movable member wherein the pin may engage holes in the movable member with the spring loaded pin biased toward and into a hole in the movable member.

Claim 17 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 16, wherein the safety latch further comprises grips on each side of the pin so that the spring loaded pin may be pulled out of a hole in the movable member to release the movable member.

Claim 18 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the attached members and the movable members with cross member are separable for storage of the movable members and cross member.

Claim 19 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, wherein each attached member is detachably fixed to the cargo bed near the front end of the cargo bed.

Claim 20 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cargo bed is a bed of a pickup truck with wheel wells inside the cargo bed, wherein each attached

member lays inside the cargo bed next to a wheel well and extends from an area near the front of the bed to an area near the rear of the bed.

Claim 21 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the area near the front of the bed is within one foot of the front end of the cargo bed.

Claim 22 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the area near the rear of the bed is within one foot of the rear end of the cargo bed.

Claim 23 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the means for attaching the front end of each attached member is a securing plate that is bolted to the truck bed and the attached member is welded to the plate.

Claim 24 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 22, further comprising means for keeping the rear end of each attached member above the level of the truck bed.

Claim 25 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 24, wherein each movable member has holes at selected distances along a line at the bottom of each movable member and means for latching the movable member to its corresponding attached member consisting of a pin that engages a selected hole in the movable member.

Claim 26 (original). An extending device in accordance with claim 25, wherein the securing means further includes a locking clamp that is attached to the attached member and lays on top of the corresponding movable member to hold the movable member down against the pin.

Claim 27 (cancelled).

Claim 28 (cancelled).

Claim 29 (new). An extending device in accordance with claim 3, further comprising means for securing each telescoping member at a selected telescoped position.

Claim 30 (new). An extending device in accordance with claim 29, further comprising means for elevating each attached member new the rear-end of the attached member above the level of the cargo bed.